



MEMORANDUM

EUGENE WATER & ELECTRIC BOARD

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TO: Commissioners Schlossberg, Brown, Carlson, Barofsky and McRae
FROM: Frank Lawson, General Manager
DATE: December 22, 2020
SUBJECT: 2021 Election of Officers and 2021 Board Liaison Assignments and Committees
OBJECTIVE: Board Action

Issue/Background

The EWEB Bylaws, Article V, Section 1 state that the board president and vice president will be elected annually. Election of officers typically occurs at the first regular board meeting of each calendar year.

In accordance with Board Policy GP12, the Board may use committees, outside appointments and liaisons to staff work as a means of gathering and disseminating information, representing the Board and providing preliminary input to Board decisions. Furthermore, the policy provides directives for establishing said assignments.

The following is an account of Officers and Appointments to Committees for 2020.

2020 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FROM 2020

President	Steve Mital
Vice President	Mindy Schlossberg

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS FROM 2019

Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)	Sonya Carlson No designated commissioner as alternate
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Provides coordination among Lane County governmental agencies. Term of organization is ongoing; term of appointment is annual.

McKenzie Watershed Council	EWEB staff No designated commissioner as alternate
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Fosters better stewardship of the McKenzie Watershed resources through voluntary partnerships and collaboration. Term of organization is ongoing; term of appointment is annual.

Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

John Brown

No designated commissioner as alternate

A Commissioner is not a voting member of the Section 115 Trust that has been set up to oversee EWEB contributions to the trust, the investment of funds, and measurement of the unfunded liabilities of the retiree medical plan. Term of appointment is ongoing.

Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA)

Dick Helgeson

No designated commissioner as alternate

NWPPA is an organization in the Western U.S. and Canada. They provide training and education, public information, communication, federal legislative coordination, surveys, data and networking opportunities and products and services for the utility industry.

Former Commissioner Dick Helgeson served on the NWPPA Board of Trustees. His departure has left a vacancy for the remainder of the current term which runs through May. There is an opportunity for a current EWEB Board member to take over the duration of Dick Helgeson’s term.

Additionally, NWPPA is accepting nominations through January 31 to fill a seat held by a Director/Commissioner of a municipal utility in Oregon. NWPPA membership votes on this position which is granted to an “individual”, and not to EWEB as an organization. Unless otherwise noted, Board members serve three-year terms for up to two terms. Board members who are elected as officers serve an additional one-year term per officer position for up to a total of five years. If a Commissioner is interested in serving on the Board of Trustees, please email General Manager Lawson with a copy to Anne Kah.

It is noteworthy that EWEB enjoys a good working relationship with NWPPA with open communication regardless of holding a position on their Board.

Springfield Utility Board (SUB)

John Brown

No designated commissioner as alternate

EWEB is interested in partnering with SUB to build a long-term resilient approach to managing multiple waters sources in the metropolitan area. The SUB liaison will assist the General Manager with the exploration of strategic water opportunities. Term of assignment is ongoing; term of appointment is annual.

Lane Electric Cooperative

Steve Mital

No designated commissioner as alternate

The liaison will partner with the General Manager on future discussions and collaboration with Lane Electric Cooperative. Term of assignment is ongoing; term of appointment is annual.

City of Eugene for Climate Related Matters

Mindy Schlossberg

No designated commissioner as alternate

It is the Board’s desire to partner with the City of Eugene to execute EWEB’s role in decarbonization; in particular energy efficiency, electric and water conservation, low-carbon electricity, and smart electrification. This liaison will collaborate with the City of Eugene on climate related matters and provide the Board periodic reports on discussions with the City. The term of assignment is ongoing; the term of appointment is annual.

Requested Board Action

An agenda item is scheduled for January 5th, at which time Commissioners will have the opportunity to discuss and take action on the 2021 election of officers and board liaison assignments. Following the Board's decisions, staff will prepare a resolution for the formal adoption of these appointments on the February consent calendar.